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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING JULY 12-13

1. ACCORDING TO MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR RUTTEN DUTCH HAVE SOMEWHAT RESERVED ATTITUDE TOWARD PROSPECTIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT COUNCIL SESSION. HE REMINDED CHARGE THAT MINISTERS WORK WITHOUT AGENDA, THOUGH IT WAS POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY PROBABLE SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION.

2. ON QUESTION OF DIRECT ELECTIONS TO EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, RUTTEN WAS AWARE OF FRENCH OPTIMISM BUT WAS UNCERTAIN WHETHER SOLUTION WOULD BE ACHIEVED, LARGELY BECAUSE APPARENTLY DUTCH SUSPECT FRENCH, GERMANS AND BRITISH HAVE ARRIVED AT TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT THAT MIGHT AS WELL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO OTHERS IN EC-9.

3. REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF ROY JENKINS TO COUNCIL PRESIDENCY, RUTTEN EXPLAINED THAT FRENCH WERE CAUSING DIFFICULTIES

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IN THAT THEY WISHED TO HAVE DECISION DEFERRED UNTIL

DECEMBER ON GROUNDS CHOICE OF JENKINS NOW WOULD MAKE  
ORTOLI LAME DUCK AND IT WAS PREFERABLE TO APPOINT ALL  
COMMISSION MEMBERS AT THE SAME TIME.

4. COUNCIL WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY DISCUSS PUERTO RICAN  
SUMMIT AND WHAT FUTURE REACTION OF EC-9 SHOULD BE IN  
EVENT OF ANOTHER SUMMIT OF SAME CHARACTER. RUTTEN  
ADDED THAT CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU HAD TOLD  
FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL EARLIER THIS WEEK IN  
OTTAWA THAT JAPANESE HAD ALREADY PROPOSED ANOTHER SUMMIT  
IN TOKYO AND THAT PUERTO RICAN PARTICIPANTS HAD NOT  
DEMURRED. IN DUTCH VIEW IT APPEARED THAT WE WERE  
MOVING TOWARD INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF SUMMIT CONFERENCES,  
A DEVELOPMENT THAT POSED SERIOUS PROBLEMS REGARDING THE  
RELATIONSHIP OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY TO SUCH A SUMMIT  
IN WHICH ONLY SELECTED EC MEMBERS PARTICIPATED.

5. MINISTERS WOULD PROBABLY REVIEW GENERAL ECONOMIC  
AND MONETARY SITUATION, UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM IN THE  
COMMUNITY, AND TO SOME EXTENT NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS.  
HE FORESAW AS OTHER POSSIBLE TOPICS TINDEMANS REPORT,  
WHICH CERTAINLY DESERVED DETAILED DISCUSSION, PERHAPS  
ENERGY PROBLEM, AND SO-FAR UNSETTLED QUESTION OF SITE OF  
NUCLEAR LABORATORY FOR WHICH ITALIANS, FRENCH AND BRITISH WERE  
NOW COMPETING.  
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